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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Some Early Scheduling Problems

1. There is a confluence of events in the immediate future which is going to cause some scheduling problems about which you should be aware. As I reported in the Black Book, the CDIP review is being conducted this week, with [] as the regular representative from your staff. On Monday, 17 July, [] will be summarizing the DCI position on those few issues where we feel a special point needs to be made, over and above what he has said in the earlier sessions.

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2. In the meanwhile, Al Hall has made it clear that when the review is over and he has had a chance to organize his thinking on the results, including [] input on your behalf, he will want to come out here and discuss this with you and see what final accommodation of views needs to be made before he reports and recommends to Secretary Laird. This, I think, is a very important session for you, which [] and I should also attend in a supporting role.

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3. In the midst of all this, on 19 July, EXCOM is scheduled. Some EXCOM issues have been discussed, or at least broached, during the review sessions, but clearly no decisions can be taken before the EXCOM meeting itself. At the same time, quite understandably, Hall will need to think about some of the EXCOM issues in the context of the total program, as should we, and it is going to be practically impossible for him to do this, and talk to you about CDIP, on the one day that is left between the end of CDIP and EXCOM--Tuesday the 18th. Moreover, you will need to have sessions with your program people, Duckett and Steininger, after talking to Hall on CDIP and before going into EXCOM. [] has the impression that Hall is quite concerned about all this and would like to get EXCOM postponed, perhaps only for a few days. I think it should be. Would you mind if I indicated to him this probably should be raised with Mr. Rush and that you would not object?

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(Signed) Bronson Tweedy

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